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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS: BRAZILIAN VIEW

REF: (A) STATE 208183, (B) BRASILIA 6460

1. SUMMARY. GOB PLANS TO GO ALONG WITH G-77 ON SUBJECT
ISSUE. IT SEEMS NOT TO SHARE U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT UNCTAD
FORUM FOR COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 24 EMBOFFS MADE REF A REPRESENTATION TO
COUNSELOR PAULO DYRCEU PINHEIRO, CHIEF OF THE FONMIN'S BASIC
PRODUCTS DIVISION. PINHEIRO EMPHASIZED THAT BRAZIL WANTED
TO DO EXACTLY WHAT THE UNCTAD RESOLUTION SAID, AND HE SEEMED
UNAWARE THAT COREA'S ATTEMPT TO PREEMPT SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES
OF AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD CONTRAVENE THE RESOLUTION. BRAZIL,
HE SAID, WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE G-77 DECISION ON THE ISSUES
EMBOFFS RAISED. PINHEIRO DOUBTED THAT THE FAO, BEING IN THE
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UN FAMILY, WOULD QUARREL WITH COREA ON GENEVA MEETINGS FOR

COMMODITIES COVERED BY FAO GROUPS.

3. PINHEIRO FORESAW THAT UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS COULD LEAD TO NO MORE THAN TEN COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE FOUR EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND COTTON, RUBBER, SISAL, AND COPPER. HE ADDED THAT BRAZIL IS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE FAO'S PROPOSAL FOR A SISAL AGREEMENT SINCE BRAZIL IS MOVING TOWARD EXPORTING THE SEMI-MANUFACTURED PRODUCT.

4. PINHEIRO ALLOWED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE PRAGMATIC TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS IN LOCATIONS OTHER THAN GENEVA, BUT HE DID NOT IMPLY THAT BRAZIL WOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT THIS IDEA. HE ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD OPPOSE HAVING THE FIRST MEETING FOR EACH COMMODITY IN GENEVA, AND LATER MEETINGS ELSEWHERE. HE ASKED FOR DETAILED U.S. VIEWS ON THE ROLE OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT VERSUS THE ROLES OF CERTAIN EXISTING BODIES (E.E., IRSG, ICAC). EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY WOULD CONSULT DEPT.

5. COMMENT. PINHEIRO SEEMED TO TAKE OUR REPRESENTATION TO MEAN THAT THE US, UNABLE TO STOP THE UNCTAD RESOLUTION, IS NOW DOING WHAT IT CAN TO SUBVERT THE RESOLUTION'S IMPACT, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC. EMBOFFS TRIED TO DISABUSE PINHEIRO OF THIS IMPRESSION. WE ARGUED THAT OUR REAL OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT THE EROSION OF A PRAGMATIC ENVIRONMENT FOR COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS, WHICH IS NEEDED IF AGREEMENTS ARE GOING TO EMERGE WITH REALISTIC ECONOMIC PROVISIONS (I.E., THOSE WHICH DO NOT DISTORT LONG RUN PRICE TRENDS)--A SINE QUA NON FOR USG SUPPORT AND CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. ANY COMMENTS DEPT CAN PROVIDE IN RESPONSE TO PINHEIRO'S QUERIES GIVEN IN PGH. 4 ABOVE.
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